

Northeast District Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 6, 2012

1. Development on Substandard Size Lots in S/F Zones: On September 10, the City Council adopted an emergency ordinance, CB 11572, to impose interim development regulations to prohibit development on substandard size lots in Single Family 5,000 lots. Developers had been taking advantage of a loophole in the Code allowing lot sizes to be based on historical tax records. In one Wallingford case, a three story house was constructed on a lot that is 1,049 square feet. There are numerous other examples throughout the city. DPD is now working on a permanent fix for the problem to submit to the City Council. Submit comments to Andy McKim at DPD at andy.mckim@seattle.gov. You can also submit comments online at www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/smallsinglefamilylots. DPD will finalize its proposal in December. To learn more about the issues go to www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/smallsinglefamilylots/ and www.onehomeperlot.com/.
2. Free Museum Passes: The Seattle Public Library is offering free museum passes to its library cardholders. The Museum Pass allows you to use your Seattle Public Library card to reserve and print out an admission pass to nine Seattle museums at no charge. Participating museums include: Burke Museum, Center for Wooden Boats, The Children's Museum, EMP Museum, Henry Art Gallery, Lighthouse Museum, Nordic Heritage Museum, Northwest African American Museum, Seattle Art Museum and Wing Luke Museum. Participants can reserve a pass to an individual museum once every 30 days, and may use one pass per week. The program reservation system requires the cardholder enter their Library card number, personal identification number (PIN), choose a specific date, and print the museum pass. To reserve a pass, go to <http://www.spl.org/library-collection/museum-pass>.
3. Holiday Art, Craft and Gift Sale: Starts December 7 at 5 p.m., Miller Library, UW Botanic Gardens, 3501 NE 41st Street in Laurelhurst; Get your holiday shopping done in one stop, support the UW Botanic Gardens and support local artists and artisans! Locally made items will be available to purchase during library open hours through December 21. Choose from: prints, cards and calendars; cashmere hats, wrist warmers and fingerless gloves; textiles, scarves and wraps; ceramic tiles, mugs, bowls and vases. Cash or check only.
4. U District Swag Time: Saturday, December 8, 9 a.m.-noon, northwest corner of U District Farmer's Market. Make swags from the Cedar River Watershed. Ribbon, ornaments and wire supplied. Bring your creativity and anything else you'd like to weave into your swag. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Jenny Frankl at 206-423-3004 or jenny.frankl@seattle.gov. Thanks to sponsors U District Farmers Market, the Department of Neighborhoods, Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Parks and Recreation and others.
5. Green Lake Pathway of Lights: Saturday, December 8, 5:00-5:35 p.m., gather on the outside on the lake side of the Green Lake Community Center at 4:45. Join thousands of families, friends, and neighbors in this beloved Seattle tradition and travel the 2.8-mile path around the lake, taking in the warm glow of the luminaries. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own lights and candles to add to the ambiance. Local musicians will perform at four sites around the lake:
 - The Green Lake Community Center on the east side
 - The Green Lake Small Craft Center (the Aqua Theater) on the south side

- The Bathhouse Theater (Seattle Public Theatre) on the north side
- The Arch on the east of side of the community center/pool (Sponsored by Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center)

Warm drinks and treats will be available at those locations, as will donation bins for nonperishable food items for local food banks. Dinner to follow immediately at Amante's, 7208 East Green Lake Drive. For more information, contact Jeff Skinner at 206-684-0780 or jeff.skinner@seattle.gov.

6. Magnuson Park Advisory Committee (MPAC) Meeting: Wednesday, December 12, 6-7:30 p.m. For meeting location and information about the agenda, contact Susan Wall at susan.wall@seattle.gov.
7. Roosevelt Winter Celebration & Tree Lighting Ceremony: Wednesday, December 12, intersection of 65th and Roosevelt. Festivities begin at 5 p.m. and the ceremony takes place from 6-8 p.m. Join Roosevelt neighbors and businesses in the heart of the neighborhood for the first annual Winter Celebration and Tree Lighting Ceremony. The event will feature a diverse group of speakers, choral groups, brass bands and other musical performances. For more information, contact Kmbris Bond at bondsjazz@gmail.com.
8. 46th Democrats Endorsement Meeting: Thursday, December 13, 7 p.m., Olympic View Elementary School, 504 NE 95th Street. The endorsement meeting will include a candidate forum for those seeking to replace Bob Ferguson on the King County Council, followed by endorsement proceedings. All PCOs (precinct committee officers) and members in good standing are eligible to vote. For more information and endorsement rules, go to <http://46dems.com>.
9. Christmas Ship Sails: Argosy Cruises is sailing its Christmas Ship filled with Dickens Carolers. Future stops include Thursday, December 13, 8 to 8:20 p.m. Laurelhurst Beach Club, 51st Avenue NE & NE Laurelcres Lane, Friday, December 21, 8:20 to 8:40 p.m. at Magnuson Park Beach, and December 23, 9:45 to 10:05 p.m. at Gas Works Park. The final event will feature the Christmas Ship Parade finale and the Seattle Girls' Choir. For more information, go to <http://www.argosycruises.com/themecruises/xmasSchedule.cfm>. Gather your friends and enjoy the bonfire and refreshments.
10. Park Board Meeting: Thursday, December 13, 6:30-9 p.m., Park Board Room, 100 Dexter Avenue North. The agenda includes a review of the Parks 2013 work plan. The Mayor will be a guest speaker. The agenda and briefing papers on agenda topics are generally available on the Park Board web page at www.seattle.gov/parks/parkboard the Friday before the meeting. For more information, contact Sandy Brooks at 206-684-5066 or sandy.brooks@seattle.gov or go to www.seattle.gov/parks/parkboard/default.asp.
11. Youth Arts Funding Program opens Thursday, December 13: The 2013-2014 *Youth Arts* funding program on-line application opens on Thursday, December 13. The application deadline is Monday, February 4, 2013. Youth Arts is an annual funding program for Seattle middle- and high-school youth and provides arts education in all art forms during out-of-school time. Awards range up to \$10,000. The upcoming funding cycle will support arts training between September 2013 and September 2014. The program is open to individual artists, teams of artists, arts/cultural organizations and youth service agencies. For more information, contact Irene Gomez, project manager, at 206-684-7310 or irene.gomez@seattle.gov. For more information, go to http://seattle.gov/arts/funding/youth_arts.asp.

12. Seattle Musical Theatre Holiday Spotlight: Saturday, December 15, 7 p.m., Magnuson Park, single tickets \$10, family tickets \$20. Don't miss celebrating the holiday season with the whole SMT family at its *Holiday Spotlight!* The night will include an auction, entertainment from your favorite SMT stars, hors d'oeuvres and specialty cocktails, as well as announcement of the SMT 2013-2014 season! Make your dreams come true by bidding on the opportunity to sing on the SMT stage! For more information, go to <http://seattlemusicaltheatre.org/>.

13. Comment on Proposed Bike/Pedestrian Connection to the Burke Gilman Trail: As part of Seattle Children's master planning process, the hospital is hosting two open houses about a possible new bike/pedestrian connection to the Burke Gilman Trail behind the Hartmann property. Before construction gets underway, Children's would like community feedback. There will be two open houses:
- Provide feedback on Saturday, December 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Gould Hall, University of Washington, 15th Avenue and NE 40th Street
 - View final concept on Saturday, February 2, 10 a.m., 2 p.m., Gould Hall, University of Washington, 15th Avenue and NE 40th Street

All ages are welcome and kids' activities will be provided, including free bike helmets with complimentary fitting and free kids bike safety inspections. For more information, go to <http://construction.seattlechildrens.org/livablestreets>.

14. Magnuson Park North Forest Remnant Work Party: Saturday, December 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Meet at the North Forest Remnant, NE 65th Street and Sportsfield Drive at Magnuson Park. Look for the signs. The newest third Saturday opportunity at the newest project..."In the Woods." Help clear and plant in Magnuson's forest. Special work parties may be scheduled for five or more volunteers. Tools and gloves provided. Please bring your own water and a snack and/or lunch. For further information, contact Tom Kelly at tpaulkelly@hotmail.com or Bonnie Miller at bmiller@serv.net or 206-524-8713 (h) or 206-227-2612 (c). This event is sponsored by the Magnuson Environmental Stewardship Alliance (MESA).

15. Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board seeks New Members: The Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board is accepting applications for new members to help make walking in Seattle safer and easier. The volunteer board, created by the City Council in 1993, plays an influential role in implementing Seattle's Pedestrian Master Plan. The board advises the mayor and city council, participates in planning and project development, evaluates policies and makes recommendations to all city departments including the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT).

Board members serve a two-year term, with an opportunity to serve a second term. They should be frequent walkers of a variety of ages, levels of mobility, and walks of life, and from areas throughout the city. The board meets the second Wednesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. at City Hall on Fifth Avenue between James and Cherry streets.

The City of Seattle is committed to promoting diversity in the city's boards and commissions. Women, young persons, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, sexual and gender minorities, persons of color, and immigrants are encouraged to apply. Interested Seattleites should submit a resume and cover letter explaining their interest via email by 5 p.m., December 17, 2012 to Howard Wu at howard.wu@seattle.gov. For more information, please call Howard Wu at 206-684-3902 or email him at howard.wu@seattle.gov. For more information, go to <http://www.seattle.gov/spab/default.htm>.

16. SNAP Announcement for Seattle Emergency Management Subscribers: Seattleites now have a real-time, one-stop shop for all city-related emergency updates. Go to <http://alerts.seattle.gov/> to see what City departments have posted about current situations – power outages, flooding, landslides, etc. Alerts.Seattle.gov is a rundown of emergency-related Tweets, Facebook and blog posts and includes links to essential resources. This blog will be especially active whenever the City activates the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Joint Information Center (JIC).
17. Comment on the Bicycle Master Plan Update: The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is seeking feedback on the following:
- Draft citywide bicycle network map -are there streets missing a bike facility? Are there streets where a bike facility should be removed or relocated?
 - Draft bicycle facility designation criteria-does it make sense?
 - Proposed policy framework-do you have comments on the goals, or other recommended changes?
 - Potential programs-which programs do you think will help us achieve the plan goals?
- These materials, the November public meeting presentation and an interactive online map are available at www.seattle.gov/transportation/bikemaster_materials.htm. Use the interactive map and comment sheet to provide your input by December 17. Email the comment sheet to bmpupdate@seattle.gov by December 17. If you'd like SDOT to speak to your community group feel free to email too!
18. Bridging the Gap Large Project Application Process: Applications due December 17. The City of Seattle's Neighborhood Street Fund program is now accepting applications for the third of three rounds of funding from the Bridging the Gap levy. Up to \$4.5 million will be spent on planning, designing and building projects selected from among those considered most important by Seattle's neighborhood district councils. District councils will pick three applications in January 2012 for SDOT evaluation. For questions, email NSF@seattle.gov. Go to www.seattle.gov/transportation/btg_nsf_large.htm to access the link to the application form.
19. Chamber Holiday Party at Shultz's: Tuesday, December 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Shultz's, 4114 University Way NE. Join the Chamber for its December Chamber evening celebration. Enjoy wine and wonderful hors d'oeuvres and laughter with friends and colleagues. Toast away 2012! Free. Deadline to RSVP: December 14. RSVP by calling 206-547-4417 or email programs@udistrictchamber.org. Family and friends welcome.
20. Private Property Tree Regulations Update: DPD is working on a proposal for standards regarding the retention and planting of trees on private property during the development process. The updated standards will implement a requirement to get a permit prior to removing specified trees on lots where no development is proposed. Public discussion of the updated proposal took place from July 14 through October 1, 2012. A summary of the comments are available on DPD's website at www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/trees under the "related documents" tab. DPD is now reevaluating and revising the updated proposal based on the public comments. A third draft proposal is expected in early December 2012. DPD will accept comments on the third proposal through January, but we will not host any more public meetings prior to discussion at Council. The Mayor's recommendations are expected to be submitted to City Council in February or March of 2013. For more information on past proposals and public discussions, or to sign up to receive email notification of project updates, go to www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/trees. For questions or comments, contact Brennon Staley at 206-684-4625 or brennon.staley@seattle.gov.

21. Magnuson Park Promontory Point Habitat Enhancement Work Party: Thursday, December 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. CANCELLED. Special work parties may be scheduled for five or more volunteers. For more information or to schedule a work party, contact Bonnie Miller at 206-524-8713 or bmiller@serv.net or go to www.mesaseattle.org. These work parties are sponsored by the Magnuson Environmental Stewardship Alliance and Green Seattle Partnership.
22. Annual U District Business Awards and Farewell for Teresa Lord Hugel: Wednesday, January 16, 6-8 p.m., Talaris Conference Center, 4000 NE 41st Street. Tickets \$25 each. RSVP by January 11 to 206-547-4417. Hors d'oeuvres, buffet, no host bar, live music. Paintings on display by Teresa Lord Hugel.
23. The Transit Incentives Program offers you tickets for eight free rides on King County Metro Transit: Each household in King County that registers at least one vehicle per year during the two-year life of the program is eligible for this offer. To order tickets, fill in the information requested on the opposite side of form located at http://metro.kingcounty.gov/programs/tip/pdf/TIP_English-order_form.pdf and mail it to the address shown. If you prefer, you may donate the ticket value to the county's human services ticket program. More information about the program can be found at: www.kingcounty.gov/metro/tip.
24. The RadioActive Spring 2013 Afterschool Workshop: Applications due by midnight on Monday, January 21, 2013. RadioActive is looking for youth ages 16-18 who want to produce radio stories and experience what it means to be a journalist.

In this fun, rigorous and hands-on workshop, youth ages 16-18 learn about journalism, audio recording, audio editing, interviewing, writing for broadcast, and speaking on the air. By the end of the program, each of the six participants will create a finished audio story about people in their community that will be published on <http://kuow.org/>. This workshop is a partnership between KUOW 94.9FM and Rainier Scholars.

The 2013 Spring Workshop starts on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 and ends on Thursday, April 11, 2013. Workshops are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the 2100 Building, at 2100 24th Avenue South. They also meet Friday, February 15 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, February 23 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday, April 6 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information and applications online go to kuow.org/radioactive.

25. Technology Matching Fund (TMF) Grant: Deadline on March 4th, 2012. The TMF supports Technology Literacy & Access and Civic Engagement projects that reach technology underserved communities, thereby increasing, "digital inclusion." The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) will be posting more information about this funding opportunity in the next few weeks and will begin accepting applications in January. For more information, go to www.seattle.gov/tech/tmf.